

# MIDLANDS CONSTRUCTION SAFETY ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Meeting No 177

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Pat Phillips, Jim Higham, Steve Leighton Fred Leighton, Ray Johnson, Rob Skinner, Tim Keegan, Dan Platten, Frank Lomas, & Brendan Keown.
2. **New Members**  
Phillip Robinson (Robinson Construction)  
Nick Manley (Morgan-Ashurst)
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**  
Approved as a true record.  
There were no matters arising.
4. **HSE – Sharon Geeson**
  - Sharon introduced Carol Southerd who is an experienced construction inspector transferred over from West Midlands to serve under Frank Lomas looking after the Derbyshire area.
  - New design of HSE web site. Let her know if any problems are encountered.
  - New group of fixed term inspectors now formed working under Richard Lockwood at Northampton.
  - Safety Schemes In Procurement (SCIP) formed with the aim of reducing the burden on companies by united agreement with some of the accreditation bodies. The HSE has been involved with this but it is a consortium led by Achilles Verify, Chas etc. Members present were sceptical that it will work without further positive push and announcement by the HSE.
  - First Corporate Manslaughter charge to be put before magistrates on 17<sup>th</sup> June.
  - HSE to target the smaller property developers – see HSE website.
  - Total construction fatalities since 01 April is 3 all of which were falls from height.
  - Some members discussion on the approach made by police investigating a fatal work injury. Most likely for arrests to be made which is Harrowing for work colleagues. Agreed that bwe should invite Police along to December meeting to state their case.
5. **Guest Speaker – David Hathaway, Sales Director, Filon Products Ltd**  
Subject - The Fixsafe Roofing System See [www.filon.co.uk](http://www.filon.co.uk)  
Filon was formed in 1957 and specialises in glass reinforced plastic.  
In 1994 Filon developed a range of tough GRP rooflights strong enough to support the weight of a man. In 2001 they held discussions with Richard Lockwood to explore methods of replacing sheets from MEWPS from the underside of the roof.  
The Work at Height Regs 2005 pushed the research along at a new pace and Filon joined forces with Letchworth Roofing to produce the FixSafe System. It is worthy to note that during the period 2001-2008 147 people died from falls through fragile roofs. This system could have made such a difference. In essence the roofing system is very simple, a few cleverly designed fixings means that old profiled roof sheets can be removed and new ones fitted all from the security of a cherry picker. See the web site for details.
6. **Electrical safety.** The Secretary show two photo shots of people badly injured by contact with electricity. These are graphic images that members may find useful in training sessions. Both are available on the website.
7. **AOB** CSCS Note there are several new managerial/supervisory categories of spurious meaning introduced with no industry accreditation closure dates. Might be useful !!

IOSH to publish a DVD to assist with CPD registrations later this year.

Honorary Secretary  
09 June 2009